

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JIM FERGUSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS, et al,

Defendants.

No. C 06-3262 JSW (PR)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

(Docket No. 2)

Plaintiff is a state prisoner currently incarcerated at California Men's Colony, located in San Luis Obispo, California. He filed this civil rights action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on May 17, 2006, complaining of violations of his civil rights while incarcerated at California Correctional Center, located in Susanville, California, within the venue of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Plaintiff has also filed a motion seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* (docket no. 2).

When jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity, venue is proper in the district in which (1) any defendant resides, if all of the defendants reside in the same state, (2) the district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought. 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). Where a case is filed in the wrong venue, the district court has the discretion either to dismiss the case or transfer it to the proper federal court "in the interest of justice." 28 U.S.C. §

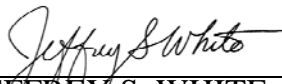
1 1406(a). Venue may be raised by the court sua sponte where the defendant has not yet
2 filed a responsive pleading and the time for doing so has not run. *Costlow v. Weeks*, 790
3 F.2d 1486, 1488 (9th Cir. 1986).

4 Plaintiff complains about violations of his civil rights while incarcerated at the
5 California Correctional Center, located in Lassen County, within the venue of the
6 Eastern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 84. Therefore, the Court will transfer this
7 action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

8 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED in the interest of justice, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
9 1406(a), that this action be TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the
10 Eastern District of California. The Clerk of the Court shall transfer this matter forthwith.
11 In light of the transfer, this Court will not decide Plaintiff's pending motion.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED: May 25, 2006

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JEFFREY S. WHITE
United States District Judge